

May 26, 1999

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Dear George Hunter:

Congratulations! On behalf of the AASHTO Value Engineering Task Force it is with great pleasure that I inform you that your application "Traffic Operations Strategies - Southern California Districts", has been selected to receive the 1999 AASHTO Value Engineering Award for Most Cost Effective Proposal in Process Improvement.

Competition for these awards was substantial. We received 25 outstanding applications from 8 different states. Each individual application was evaluated by four judges who are members of the AASHTO Value Engineering (VE) Task Force. Applications were submitted under two main categories; Most Cost Effective Proposal and Most Innovative Proposal. Each category was divided into three parts: Construction, Design Engineering and Process. Criteria used for evaluating Cost Effective Proposals were: total dollar amount saved, percentage of total project cost saved, increased value of the project, annual savings, reduction of schedule and construction staging savings. Criteria for evaluating Innovative Proposals were: use of new technology, use of creative thinking, degree final project differs from original design and improved safety and/or constructability.

Part of the mission of the AASHTO VE Task Force is to promote VE within all areas of Transportation programs. We would like to publicly recognize your efforts and accomplishments by sharing the successes on your project. As we previously informed you via phone, your award will be presented at the 1999 AASHTO National Value Engineering Conference at the Radisson Hotel in Branson, Missouri during the luncheon session on Wednesday, July 14, 1999. Our plan is for a luncheon in which the awards will be presented. Then in the session immediately following the Award Luncheon each award winner will be allotted a 15 minute slot to make a presentation to showcase their award.

Per our telephone conversation, we ask that each award winner contact us with the exact wordage that you would like printed on your award. We are also offering additional copies of the award for the cost of \$50.00. Please notify Sheryl Gillmore by June 3, 1999 with your wordage and with the number of additional awards that you would be interested in. You may contact her at gillms@mail.modot.state.mo.us.

Once again, congratulations on your VE achievements. If you have any questions, please call me at 573.526.3851 or email me at sheam@mail.modot.state.mo.us

Sincerely,

Mike

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